Comparative study on the functioning of SEZs in India and China

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Economic Zones on the lines of China have been set up in the country;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any comparative study on the functioning of Special Economic Zones set up in China and India;

(c) if so, the details of the study conducted;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether such comparative study would be conducted in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Special Economic Zones in India have been set up under the provisions of the SEZ Act, 2005.

(b) to (e) A study has been commissioned, the terms of reference of which, *inter-alia*, include evaluation of the SEZs in India *vis-a-vis* SEZs in certain other countries. The study report is expected to be completed by end of December, 2008.

Increasing incidents of terrorism

†*72. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing incidents of terrorism have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of police force in States; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof and total number of existing vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Apart from incidents of violence being perpetrated by various groups in areas affected by terrorism, militancy, insurgency and extremism such as J&K, certain States in the North Eastern Region and areas affected by Left Wing Extremism/naxalism, there have been periodic incidents over the past several years of terrorist attacks in the form of bomb blasts and explosions etc., in different parts of the hinterland, mainly in the metropolitan and other urban areas. In the recent past such terrorist attacks have occurred in Rajasthan, Karnataka, Gujarat, Delhi, Maharashtra and Tripura. The Government is fully aware and seized of the challenges posed by such terrorist/extremist activities to the security of the State and to the security of citizens in general, and remains fully committed to combating this menace in an effective manner. A variety of measures have been taken towards this end including deployment of Central Para Military Forces in aid to the State authorities, sharing of intelligence and information with the State Governments on a continuing basis